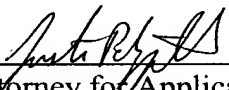


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Decision on Appeal dated June 15, 2005 affirming the rejection of Claims 1, 3-5, 7-25, and 27-30 and the Office Action dated December 6, 2001, which indicated that Claims 2, 6, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 3-5, 7-25, and 27-30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, and Claims 2, 6, and 26 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of their corresponding independent claims, now cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 2, 6, and 26 are now the only pending claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of the present application.

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